

Hazard planning meeting Monday in Clay Center

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CLAY CENTER — The Little Blue Natural Resources District will help to sponsor a public meeting Monday here concerning a regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan now under development.

The meeting begins 7:30 p.m. on the Clay County Fairgrounds in Clay Center.

The LBNRD is partnering with the Lower Big Blue NRD and nine counties to develop the regional plan. Monday's meeting will allow public officials and citizens to learn about the plan's progress and share feedback on projects that could help their communities.

"The public's participation is critical for a successful plan," said Mike Onnen, manager of the Little Blue NRD. "We've gathered a lot of information

over the last year, and now we need the public's help to evaluate and rank the projects that have been added to the draft mitigation plan."

Following the meeting, public feedback will be reviewed and compiled, and adjustments to the plan will be made as needed.

The resulting plan will be submitted to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency this summer.

Olsson Associates, a Nebraska consulting firm, has been hired to assist the NRDs and counties in the planning project.

All local governments now must be signed onto of an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan to receive federal funding for Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.